Harrison House
3872 Old Columbia Pike
HO-635

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HISTORIC PERIOD CONTEXT:

Region:	Piedmont
Period:	Industrial/Urban Transition
Theme:	Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Resource Type:	Residence/rural vernacular
Site Types:	Standing structures

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name) Harrison House

historic

and/or common Harrison House

2. Location

street & number 3872 Old Columbia Pike (MD 987) ___ not for publication

city, town Ellicott City ___ vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Howard

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	X no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name J. Edward Harrison

street & number 3872 Old Columbia Pike telephone no.: (410) 465-5659

city, town Ellicott City state and zip code Maryland 21043

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County liber 524

street & number 8360 Court Avenue folio 149

city, town Ellicott City state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
X excellent	___ deteriorated	X unaltered	X original site
___ good	___ ruins	___ altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Located on 1.3 acres on the north side of Old Columbia Pike 200 feet from the right-of-way, this 2 1/2 story house was built about 1895. Designed in the Queen Anne style, the house is L-shaped with a massed plan, a broad hip-on-gable roof and overhanging eaves. There is a prominent secondary gable on the west side forming the front section of the ell which holds the door. A broad porch wraps around the west and front facade.

The fenestration is asymmetrical with a gable on hip central dormer, a rounded bay window wraps around the southwest corner of the second story and there is another bay window on the southeast corner of the first story. The five panelled door is topped by a narrow transom light. The hipped roof porch is supported by six slender square columns with scrolled brackets.

The hipped gable ell is one bay by one bay on the north or rear of the building but extends for an additional bay along the west wall of the main block and holds the front door. A contemporary sliding glass door opens onto a brick terrace on the north side of the ell.

Windows are double hung 12/1 sash. Windows on the facade and east side have louvered shutters. The roof is sheathed in rolled asphalt and the siding is clapboard, although the owners are currently installing vinyl siding over the clapboards. The cut granite ashlar foundation is laid in regular courses and is unusually formal for this area. Two tall brick chimneys interrupt the roof line. A large rectangular chimney, corbelled at both the midsection and top, is located on the center slope of the ridge on the main block. An unembellished chimney extends from the center of the ridge of the ell.

There are two historic outbuildings on the property, a shed-roofed board and batten chicken house northwest of the house and board and batten garage northeast of the house.

The lot, which drops down to the Cat Rocks Branch stream valley to the west, includes a number of mature trees. Granite gateposts, probably once connected to an iron fence, frame the walkway entrance on Old Columbia Pike.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B X C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state X local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This house contributes to the architectural integrity of Old Columbia Pike. It is a simplified example of Queen Anne architecture, which is probably a reflection of the Quaker heritage of Ellicott City.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.3

Quadrangle name Ellicott City, MD **Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 25
Block 13
parcel 25

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Ellicott City	**state**	Maryland

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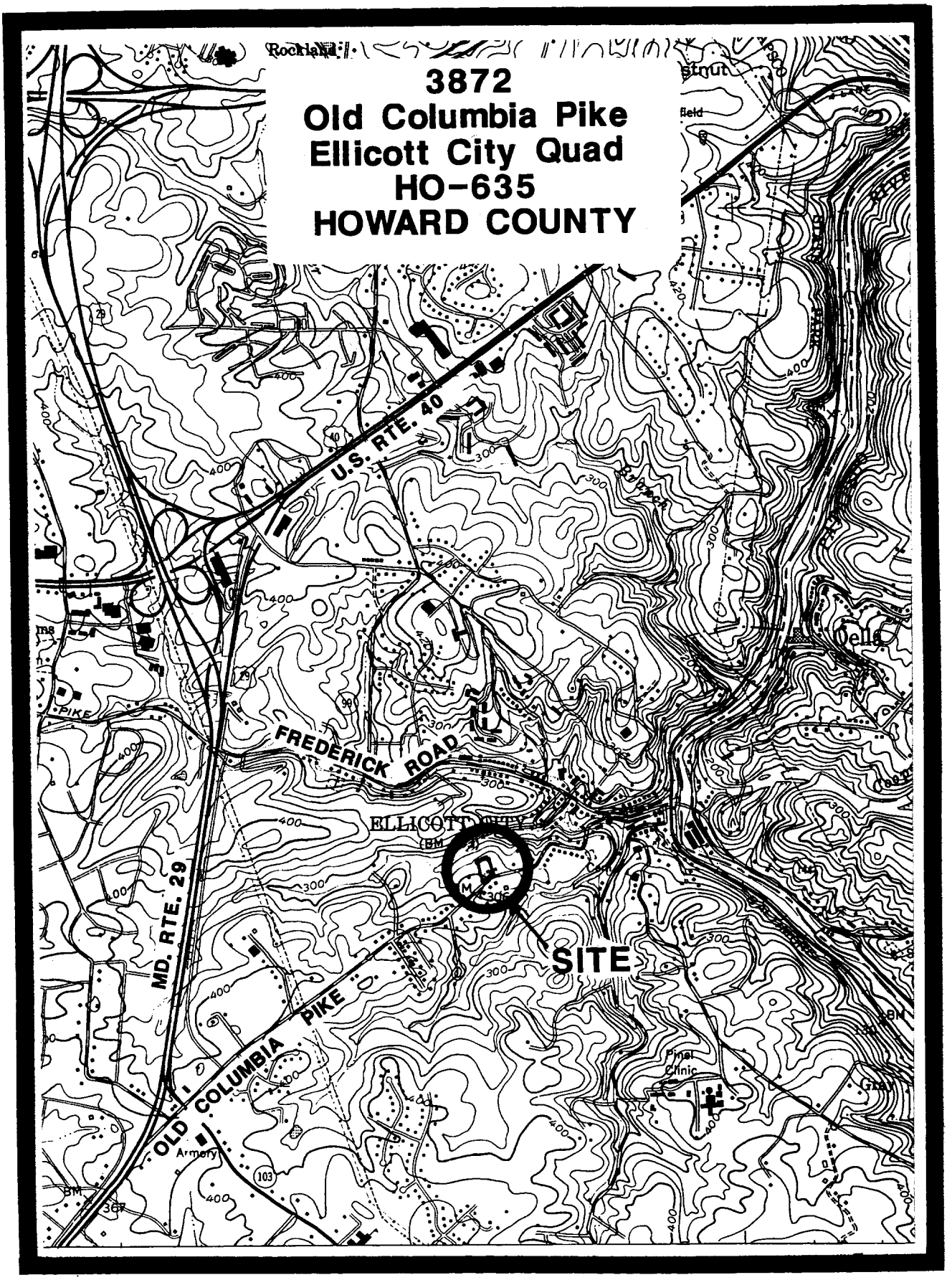
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